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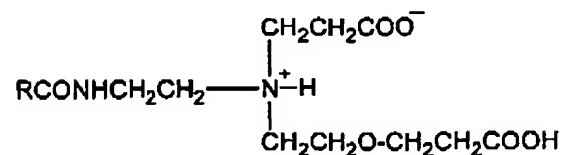
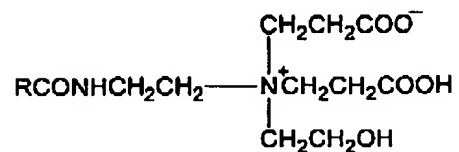
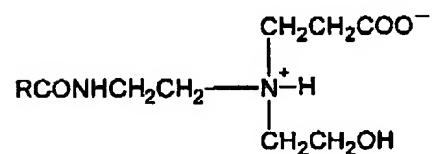
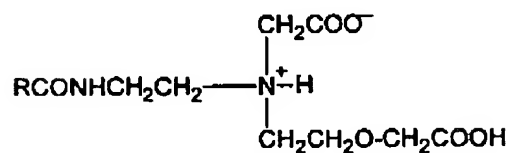
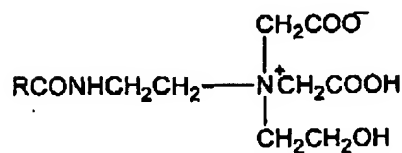
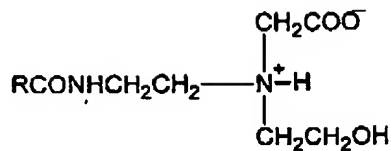
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- 16.(currently amended) A hard surface treatment composition according to claim 1 which separates into at least two aqueous phases, an upper aqueous phase and a lower aqueous phase upon standing comprising:
- (a) 0.01 – 10%wt. of a mixture of a cationic surfactants comprising at least one dialkyl quaternary ammonium compound and an alkylbenzyl quaternary ammonium compound wherein at least one cationic surfactant has having germicidal properties;
  - (b) 0.1 – 10%wt. of at least one nonionic surfactant;
  - (c) 0.1 – 10%wt. at least one amphoteric surfactant ~~having irritation mitigating properties~~ selected from the group of compounds having the formulas

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wherein R is C<sub>8</sub> to C<sub>24</sub> alkyl, and mixtures thereof;

(d) at least one electrolyte;

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- (e) optionally, one or more constituents for improving the aesthetic or functional features of the inventive compositions;  
and  
(f) the remaining balance to 100%wt., being water,  
wherein the volume ratio of the upper aqueous phase to the lower aqueous phase is between 20:80 – 80:20.

17.(previously presented) The composition according to claim 16 which exhibits antimicrobial efficacy against one or more organisms selected from:  
*Staphylococcus aureus*, *Salmonella*, and *Psuedomonas*.

18.(previously presented) The composition according to claim 17 which exhibits antimicrobial efficacy against one or more organisms selected from:  
*Staphylococcus aureus*, *Salmonella*, and *Psuedomonas* in an aqueous dilution of 1 part of the said composition to 16 parts water.

19.(previously presented) The composition according to claim 17 which exhibits antimicrobial efficacy against one or more organisms selected from:  
*Staphylococcus aureus*, *Salmonella*, and *Psuedomonas* in an aqueous dilution of 1 part of the said composition to 64 parts water.

20.(new) The composition according to claim 16 wherein in excess of 50%wt. of the (a) mixture of cationic surfactants is found in the upper aqueous phase.

21.(new) The composition according to claim 16 wherein the amount of (d) at least one electrolyte is present in an amount of from about 0.01 to about 5.0wt%.

22.(new) The composition according to claim 16 wherein (a) the mixture of cationic surfactants comprises two cationic surfactants having germicidal properties.

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- 23.(new) The composition according to claim 16 containing (e) at least one constituent for improving the aesthetic or functional features of the inventive compositions selected from coloring agents, fragrances and fragrance solubilizers, viscosity modifying agents, other surfactants, pH adjusting agents and pH buffers including organic and inorganic salts, optical brighteners, opacifying agents, hydrotropes, antifoaming agents, enzymes, anti-spotting agents, anti-oxidants, preservatives, and anti-corrosion agents.
- 24.(new) The composition according to claim 16 wherein the wherein the volume ratio of the upper aqueous phase to the lower aqueous phase is between 45:55 – 55:45.
- 25.(new) The composition according to claim 16 wherein the (c) at least one amphoteric surfactant present in the composition has irritation mitigating properties.